Problem of Malnutrition among children

1545.SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the problems of malnutrition among children;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to cope up with the problems;

(c) whether Government has introduced many schemes and programmes for the development of nutritional status among children, which have not proved effective; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government to monitor those schemes and programmes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) and (b) Yes, Madam. The Government is committed to reduce the level of malnutrition among children and is implementing a number of schemes throughout the country, which directly or indirectly improve the nutritional status of children. Some of these are as under:-

(i) Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme (Ministry of Women & Child Development) having a component of Supplementary Nutrition Programme (SNP) Component and lactating mothers;

(ii) National Programme for Nutritional Support to Primary Education (Mid Day Meal Scheme) [Department of School Education & Literacy];

(iii) Nutrition Programme for Adolescent Girls in 51 districts to provide free foodgrains to undernourished adolescent girls (Ministry of Women & Child Development);

(iv) Nutrition Education and Training Programmes of Food and Nutrition Board (Ministry of Women & Child Development);

(v) Reproductive and Child Health (RCH-II) Programme under National Rural Health Mission (NRHM).

(c) No, Madam.

(d) Doesn't arise.

Anaemia due to malnutrition

1546.SHRI VIJAYKUMAR RUPANI: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of children suffering from anaemia in the country due to lack of nutritious food;

(b) the details of last survey conducted by Government in this regard, indicating the statistics, State-wise; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to prevent anaemic diseases in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) As per National Family Health Survey (NFHS) III, undertaken by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare in 2005-06, 69.5% children in the age group of 6 months to 59 months were suffering from anemia in the country.